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# H. R. 4045

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. NYE, Mr. HARE, Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SPACE, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. WU, Mr. DRIEHAUS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WATSON, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ADLER of New Jersey, Mr. SCHAUER, Mr. MURPHY of New York, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. CARDOZA, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Burial Bene-  
5 fits Improvement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BURIAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS.**

2 (a) BURIAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES.—(1) Section  
3 2302(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
4 striking “\$300” and inserting “\$1,270 (as increased from  
5 time to time under section 5312(a) of this title)”.

6 (2) Section 2303(a)(1)(A) of such title is amended  
7 by striking “\$300” and inserting “\$1,270 (as increased  
8 from time to time under section 5312(a) of this title)”.

9 (3) Section 2307 of such title is amended by striking  
10 “\$2,000,” and inserting “\$4,100 (as increased from time  
11 to time under section 5312(a) of this title),”.

12 (b) PLOT ALLOWANCE.—Section 2303(b) of such  
13 title is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$300” and  
15 inserting “\$745 (as increased from time to time  
16 under section 5312(a) of this title)”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$300” the  
18 second place it appears and inserting “\$745 (as in-  
19 creased from time to time under section 5312(a) of  
20 this title)”.

21 (c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—Section 5312(a) of such  
22 title is amended by striking “and each rate of monthly  
23 allowance paid under section 1805 of this title,” and in-  
24 serting “each rate of monthly allowance paid under section  
25 1805 of this title, each rate of burial and funeral expenses  
26 provided for under sections 2302(a), 2303(a)(1)(A), and

1 2307 of this title, and each rate of plot allowance provided  
2 for under section 2303(b) of this title,”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) Except as provided in  
4 paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall  
5 apply to deaths occurring on or after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act.

7 (2) No adjustments shall be made under section  
8 5312(a) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by  
9 subsection (c), for fiscal year 2010 for rates of burial and  
10 funeral expenses provided for under sections 2302(a),  
11 2303(a)(1)(A), and 2307 of title 38, United States Code,  
12 and each rate of plot allowance provided for under section  
13 2303(b) of such title.

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